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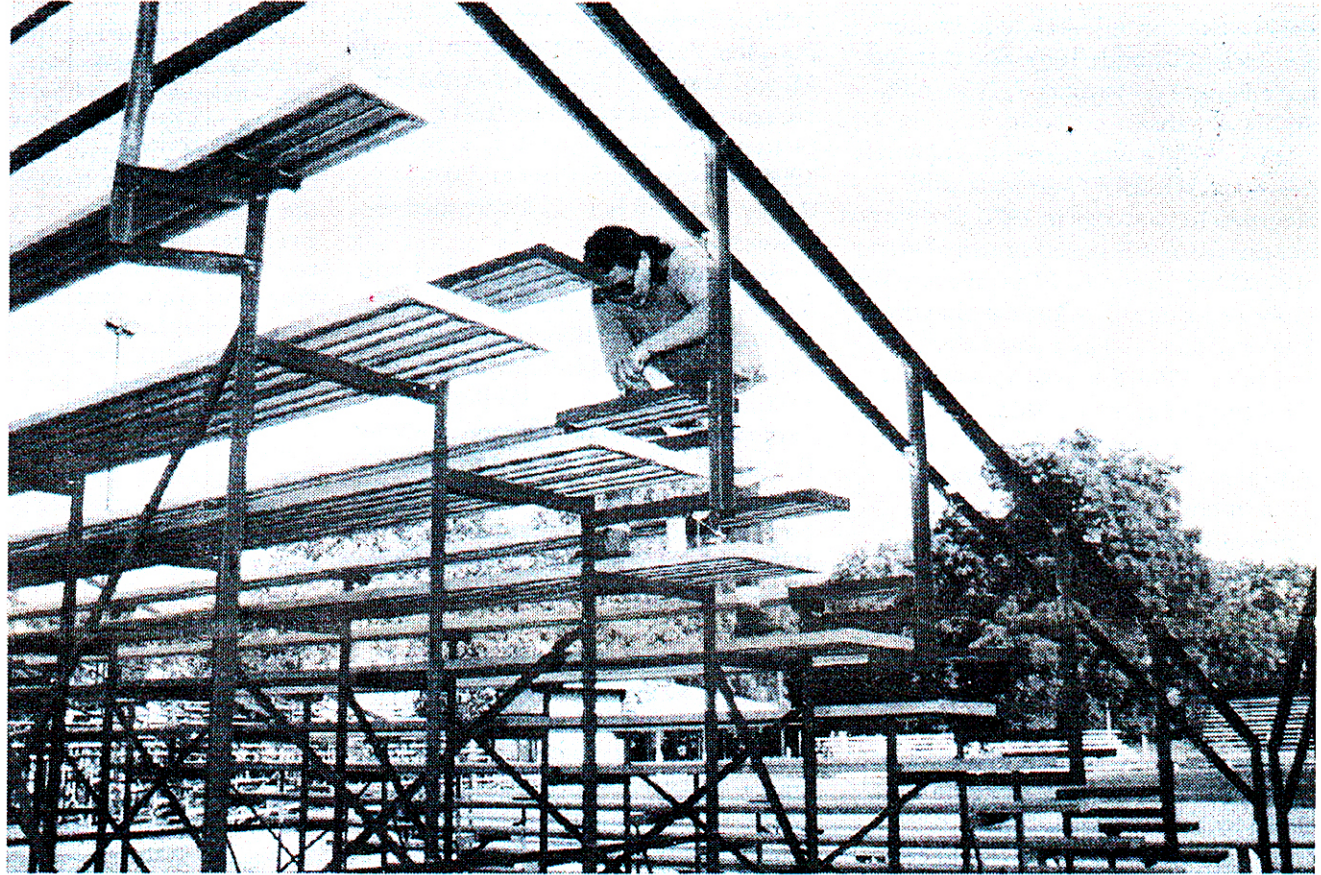
EVENTS



FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1999

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Begins at the Pow wow Grounds
Youth Arts & Crafts Begin - Round House
- 10:00 a.m. Softball Tournament Begins just south of FireLake Entertainment Center
Language and Culture Study - Round House
- 12:00 p.m. Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds
Swimming Pool and Playground opens
Tribal Headquarters
Sporting Events - see flyer
Vendors Arts & Crafts
Scotch Doubles Bowling - FireLake Lanes
- 4:00 p.m. Fry Bread Competition
Language and Culture Study - Old Mission Church
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner - Indian Tacos - Pow Wow Grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament - Pecan Grove
- 7:00 p.m. Swimming under the stars - tribal headquarters
DJ by the pool - tribal headquarters
Children's Karaoke Contest - by the pool
Children's Dance Contest - by the pool
- 8:30 p.m. Extreme Bowl - FireLake Lanes
Traditional Hand Games - Round House
Domino Tournament - south tent - pow wow grounds
Checkers Tournament - south tent - pow wow grounds
- 9:00 p.m. Country & Western Dance - pow wow grounds, north tent
- 11:00 p.m. Extreme Bowl - FireLake Lanes
Night Golf - scramble

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Tribal Employees Are Working Hard On Improvements For The Festival

Potawatomis bound for Shawnee and first Citizen Potawatomi Festival

By MICHAEL DODSON

As they begin arriving in Shawnee in the days and hours ahead of the inaugural Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival, tribal members and their families, along with members of the six other Potawatomi nations and tribes, will encounter a warm and hearty greeting and a schedule chockfull of fun activities.

The Festival replaces the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's annual intertribal pow wow. It will be three days of renewing old friendships, cementing family relationships, learning more about the tribe's history and culture, partaking of good and plentiful food, and striving hard to win part of more than \$20,000 in cash and

merchandise prizes in a long list of competitions.

"We send out a cordial invitation to every Potawatomi to join us," said John 'Rocky' Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman. "There will be plenty for everyone to do and the quality of our fellowship and fun will increase with each Potawatomi who attends."

The Friday, June 25 through Sunday, June 27 event will also feature an opportunity for Citizen Potawatomi tribal members to conduct the Nation's business. The Annual General Council meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. And, tribal members will cast ballots for a Business Committee position and a Grievance Committee.

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on ...

Ruth Wright

Shawnee resident and Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Ruth Wright passed on Sunday, May 30, 1999 in Shawnee. She was 59.

Mrs. Wright was born on August 8, 1939 in Concho, Oklahoma to Walter and Helen (Rhodd) Tade. She married Jerry Wright on January 7, 1955 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Mrs. Wright was reared in Shawnee, moved to Whittier, California, and returned to Shawnee in 1972. She earned her degree as a licensed practical nurse at Seminole Junior College. She worked in the Intensive Care Unit at Shawnee Regional Hospital as a ward clerk, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Wright of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Ron Green, Chelsea, and Sherri and Jim Goble, Holdenville; sons Jerry H. Wright, Spring Valley, Ohio and Aaron D. Wright, Shawnee; sister and brother-in-law Velda and L.D. Ringer, Bethel; 7 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and, several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, LaVerne Witt, and a brother, Charles Tade.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at Dale Cem-

etery, with the Rev. Mike Craig officiating under the direction of Cooper Funeral Chapel.

Marion X. Melot

Marion X. Melot, Sr. died May 26, 1999, in Shawnee. He was 86. Melot was born Jan. 7, 1913, in Shawnee to Thomas M. and Margaret Jane (Lambert) Melot. He married Mabel Stubblefield in Shawnee. She preceded him in death in 1994. He was a pipe fitter and truck driver in the oil fields. He attended the Church of God.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Bill Farlow, Livingston, Texas, Roberta and Ed Wilson and Louis Morgan, all of Edmond, and Reba and Walter Wittenborn, Portland, Oregon; sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Sandra Melot, M.X. Melot, Jr., Newcastle, Jerry and Lenette Melot, Shreveport, LA, and Robert Melot, Colorado; brother, George Melot, Lubbock, Texas; sisters, Gladys Johnson, Borger, Texas, and Marjorie Bailey, Lubbock, Texas; 23 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sharon Fields; son, Vernon Melot; and granddaughter, Colleen Meek. Graveside services were held at 1p.m., Friday, May 28, 1999 at Bethel Cemetery.

All-Potawatomi Indian dance

The Festival offers Citizen Potawatomi an opportunity to experience Indian dance in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. The dancing begins at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Pow Wow Grounds.

Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Carmelita (Wamego) Skeeter has been selected as Head Lady Dancer for the All-Potawatomi dance. Ms. Skeeter is executive director of the Tulsa Indian Health Care Resource Center. (For more about Ms. Skeeter's recent accomplishments, see the story on page 5.)

Final arrangements are being made for a Head Man Dancer.

"This is an opportunity for our tribe to begin establishing traditions that incorporate traditional dance," said 'Rocky' Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman. "It would be thrilling to see the pow wow circle filled with Potawatomis, learning from the more experienced dancers among us and enjoying good family fun."

"We have prepared 200 shawls that will be available for anyone who needs one to wear into the pow wow circle," said Linda Capps, Tribal Vice Chairman. "The shawls will be placed on seats at the pow wow grounds. All we ask is that they be returned after being used so they are available for others who need them."



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

Bouzho Nicon,

If you have ever heard the phrase "busy as a cranberry merchant at Thanksgiving," then you know how it is around here getting ready for the Festival. I want to thank all of you who have written or e-mailed about how happy you are about the new event. It is very encouraging. Even the most vocal of our critics have reserved spaces in the RV Park, so I guess they plan to attend and have a good time.

Yesterday I saw a television show about the first graduation at the Native American Preparatory School in the Pecos River valley at Rowe, New Mexico. I had the honor of speaking to the student body there two years ago and recognized many of the students who are going on to new challenges. The late Richard Ettinger, heir to the Prentiss-Hall publishing fortune, founded the school. His daughter, Barbara Ettinger, chairs its Board of Directors.

This family has devoted a huge amount of money and time and dedication to create a boarding school for gifted Indian children in a beautiful and secluded setting in the desert. The commentator interviewed several of the 35 graduating students about their plans and aspirations. Some of them were bound for prestigious Ivy League schools; some were going to art and dance study in big eastern cities. Each of them exuded a sense of confidence and enthusiasm that was so inspiring. Almost every single student interviewed said they were going to come back to their reservation or pueblo, after they got their education, to help their people. Sadly, none of them mentioned tribal government as a way of doing that.

With the flawed and compulsive behavior of our highest elected official in Washington, plus the current journalistic trend of crucifying public officials in the name of "investigative journalism" that began with Watergate, people now seem to always assume the worst about the people they elect. This is true in Indian Country as well. It's no wonder that young people do not picture themselves as elected leaders in their future.

Nowadays there is a risk in running for office. You become fair game for rumor, accusations, innuendo, and criticism. Young people can see that there is little reward for the risk. If we are going to avoid the damage of unqualified people in our future elected offices, we have to find a way to involve our best and brightest young people in tribal government.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation needs a program where we teach our young men and women about their Tribe, and they

teach us about their generation. These are the folks that will be in office when we are elders, or gone on to our Great Reward. If we care about what we have accomplished so far, we had better pay heed to our future.

We are really looking forward to the new cooling equipment in the Festival and powwow areas. We have purchased a series of high-pressure pumps which pump water through small nylon tubing to "mist heads" that create a fog of very small water droplets so fine that they evaporate before they hit the ground. This evaporation process goes on a few feet overhead and, when coupled with our normal breezes, lowers the temperature about twenty degrees. It will be a welcome addition to our weekend that has, as most of you know, been a scorcher a few times in the past.

Even with this, many of the family reunions will be held inside where the air conditioning can make one glad to see more relatives and the ice cream won't melt as fast. Don't miss it.

My apologies to Lu Ellis, our talented and hard working Regional Director in Houston. She donated a beautiful language book for children to the Tribe, which we have reprinted. The proceeds go to the language program. I was so taken with her artwork that I took one of the illustrations as the main theme picture for the Festival. Unfortunately, I did not clear it with Lu. For this I am very sorry.

Our employees are really working hard to prepare the tribal complex for your enjoyment. They are so very valuable. This will be the first opportunity they will have to include their families in our celebration. Please make them welcome. While some of them are not Potawatomi, they are just like "family" in that they do their best for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Many of our employees will put in long hard days during the festival. Please feel free to express your appreciation. Don't forget to vote.

Megwetch,

John Barrett

Call To Council

June 26, 1999

7 a.m. — Call To Order

7 a.m.-2 p.m. — Recess For On-Site Voting

3 p.m. — Meeting Reconvened For Business

HOW-NI-KAN PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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CPN hosts Indian Health Services director

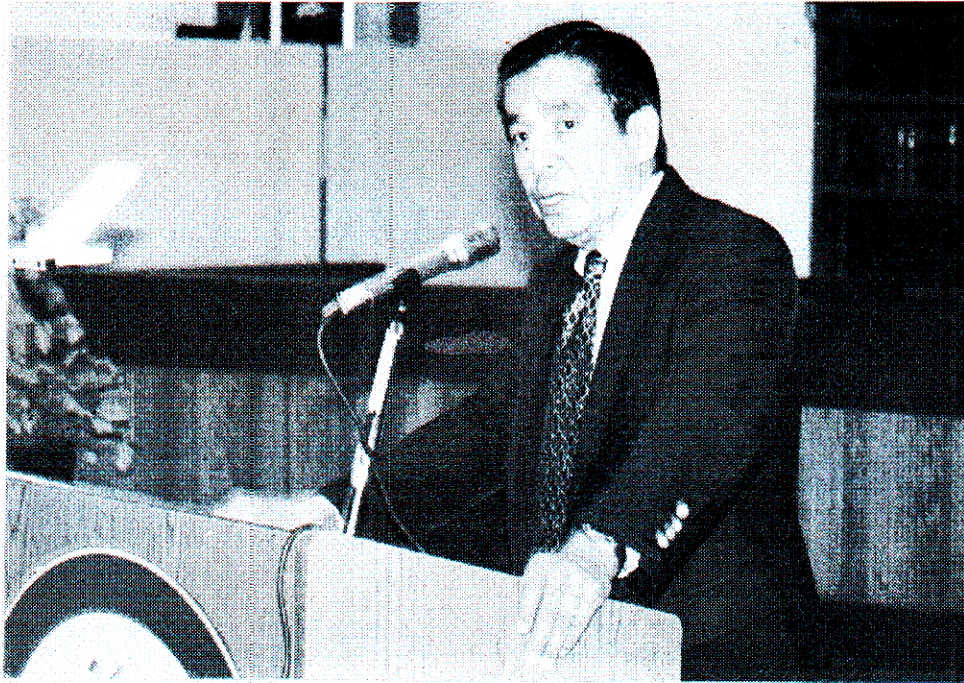
During a recent visit to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters, Dr. Michael Trujillo, Indian Health Service Director, engaged in a spirited, fruitful discussion of the process for selecting a new Oklahoma City Area Director for IHS.

John 'Rocky' Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman, welcomed Dr. Trujillo and the other participants in the meeting to the Nation.

Dr. Trujillo began his presentation with a description of the qualifications for the Area Director. "From my point of view," Trujillo said, "the person who enters this position is a qualified Indian professional. The individual that I will be looking for is a person who is professionally credible, has professional expertise in his or her own area of knowledge, and can represent American Indians, Alaskan natives, and Indian health care nationwide."

The new Area Director will not manage Native American health care delivery by remote control from the Oklahoma City office. "The Area Director will not just sit in the area office," Trujillo said. "It is my expectation that the Area Director will go into the field. He'll know what is happening and have first-hand knowledge of the programs, issues, and the people from across the area."

On-the-job growth will also be expected from the Area Director. "That individual will continue developing his or her expertise through continuing education, not just in courses available through the federal



Trujillo Addresses Tribal Officials During Visit

system but also developing expertise from enrolling in outside continuing education offerings."

Dr. Trujillo said that he wants the Area Directors to "remain on top of the issues in Indian health care nationwide."

He promised, to the extent possible, to take politics and favoritism out of the Area Director selection process and prevent that from being a factor in the Area

Director's decisions and actions. "This is not a favored position," Dr. Trujillo said. "I will not choose a favored person. I will not choose someone who has been or who has demonstrated being very political. This is not a political position; we don't play favorites."

Dr. Trujillo explained that he will make the final hiring or promotion decision, following a review of applicants by a com-

mittee and by IHS staff members. For the first year following the new Area Director's assuming the position, Dr. Trujillo has the authority to remove him for any just cause.

"After that," Dr. Trujillo said, "there is a more formal process. So, there is more flexibility in that one-year period of time."

If all deadlines are met and everything flows in a timely manner, Dr. Trujillo said, the process for deciding whom the next IHS Oklahoma City Area Director will be should reach its conclusion at about the first of October.

Turning to his mission at IHS, Dr. Trujillo said, "The main goal is to strengthen and improve the quality of care, access, and advocacy for Native Americans."

Dr. Trujillo called the Indian Health Service "the foremost health care delivery system in the United States. The coalitions of tribal programs, urban programs, and the Indian Health Service, serving the population that we serve with the needs we know about with the minimal resources we have has established a far-reaching health care system."

The IHS has begun to serve as a model for development of health care systems elsewhere. Dr. Trujillo explained: "We have an increasing number of individuals from other countries visiting IHS programs. We are also working very actively with the World Health Organization and the Pan-American Health Organization."

Hilton L. Melot Citizen Potawatomi Business Committee



A vote for Hilton Melot for Business Committee is a vote for:
Experience, Continuity, & Stability
Continued Strong Economic Development
Emphasis on Education Opportunities for Citizen Potawatomi

"I am proud of the progress we Citizen Potawatomi have made in providing jobs, educational opportunities, and a strong, stable tribal government. I am honored you have given me the opportunity to help prepare the way. We have plans for major new economic ventures. Our financial assistance for tribal members' education continues to grow. My pledge is to work for you to insure that this progress continues."

- Hilton Melot

Tribal member achieving at MCIWorldcom in Tulsa

(Tulsa, OK) – For Casey Bourbonnais, a degree in Management Information Systems from Oklahoma University has been a ticket to a very interesting job with one of the world's largest long distance telephone service providers. To cap that, Bourbonnais is a budding entrepreneur.

Arriving at the MCIWorldcom Tulsa headquarters is an awe-inspiring moment, especially if one "is into technology." Bourbonnais' guided tour of a portion of the facility deepens the sense of wonder. The facility is open, clean, attractive, humming with activity – and there are all those computers, everywhere.

Bourbonnais deals with computers, or, more precisely, the data they need to guide telephone calls all over the world and to ensure that the proper people get bills for the right telephone calls. His title is Business Analyst.

"My official role is to serve as a liaison between MCI's engineering department and our information systems and information technologies departments," Bourbonnais told the *HowNiKan*. "Once the company decides it's going to use some newly developed equipment, I meet with the engineers to learn what the equipment's specifications are, what the rules for using it are. I then produce a document for the people in the IS and IT departments so they can encode the information into our data systems."

Bourbonnais' parents are Gary and Mary Bourbonnais. Gary is a retired school teacher and administrator and is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee. Mary is also a school teacher. His Potawatomi grandparents are Ed and Mary Bourbonnais.

It says Bethel High School on Casey Bourbonnais' diploma. He was reared in Shawnee and Bethel Acres and left home for the University of Oklahoma. He graduated from O.U. in the summer of 1997 with that degree in Management Information Systems (MIS).

"Management Information Systems is a broad field," Bourbonnais explained. "It deals with business functions,



Casey Bourbonnais At His Computer Terminal

Of course, in today's marketplace, that is dealing with computers. The goal is to provide the information we have to our customers in a way that is meaningful to them."

Bourbonnais recently completed a special project for MCIWorldcom that involved developing a way to train some of the company's workers to store and access information about the company's thousands of telephone circuits.

"The system is complicated, and it's difficult to teach people to use our system, especially people who have not been around it," Bourbonnais said. The project developed from MCIWorldcom's acquisition of a European company and the need to integrate that company's circuits into the MCIWorldcom system.

Bourbonnais developed a website that hosts the database. His explanation of its workings is complicated. Suffice to say that his solution allows completing more work in less time as the MCIWorldcom employees in far-flung cities, from Hong Kong to Paris to Australia, deal with the new circuits.

That project took Bourbonnais overseas to London, Amsterdam, and other cities several times. He has made intercontinental business trips and others to cities in the U.S. often enough to know that he prefers staying home. "After about seven overseas trips of three or four weeks each, it starts getting old and you start wanting some of

that good, down-home cooking," he explained.

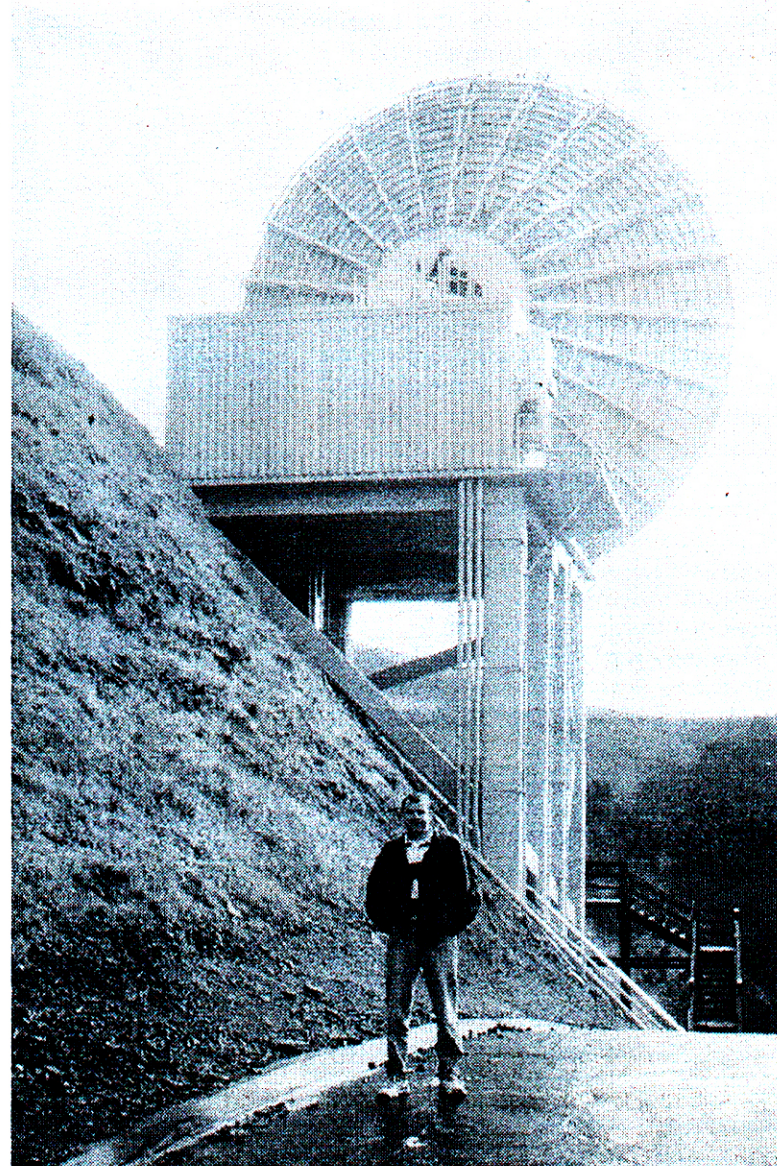
Bourbonnais is proud of the example of entrepreneurship that the Citizen Potawatomi nation sets. He says that he learned valuable business lessons as an employee of the Nation's FireLake Golf Course.

"I've seen the functions of the various areas of the golf course and Bingo hall, tribal store, bowling alley. I've grown up around that," Bourbonnais said. "I think that's really given me a good background. And it's given me the will to strive to be successful on my job and as a business owner myself."

Bourbonnais named his company "The Computer Prophets/Internet Prophets." The company's initials, "TCP/IP", come from the Internet data transmission protocol tcp/ip. At this point, TCP/IP hosts websites, develops web-based training for clients' employees, and develops web-based applications.

Because there are but 24 hours in a day, Bourbonnais is not looking for new clients to add to his roster of one in Tulsa and two in Oklahoma City. Most weekdays find him up and preparing for his MCIWorldcom duties at 6:00 a.m. Frequently, he works another eight hours at TCP/IP before heading for bed at about midnight.

If he were to accept more TCP/IP clients now, Bourbonnais says, he would have to hire someone to deal with their needs. He's not ready for that step, preferring



Bourbonnais Poses With Giant Dish

to use his company to learn more about business and computers. "Experience is the most valuable asset that I can think of right now, in terms of business," he said.

Bourbonnais finds time for recreation, especially water sports, on weekends. He owns a 20-foot Celebrity ski boat. "I bought it to learn how to ski," he said. "I have a bunch of buddies from the Shawnee area who also enjoy being on the water. After I bought the boat, I got addicted to water skiing and wake-boarding, to take the stress out."

His recreational weekends take Bourbonnais to Tenkiller, Eufaula, and Shawnee Lakes. He and his friends are also beginning to visit some Arkansas lakes.

Does Casey Bourbonnais consider himself a role model for other young Potawatomis and Native Americans? If they learn from his example that education is of utmost importance, the answer is "Yes."

"I count my blessings every day for what I've been given

on this Earth – my family, my upbringing. My best suggestions is to get that education," Bourbonnais urged. "It seems so hard when you're reading books every night, preparing for tests. It seems like you'll never get through it."

But, Bourbonnais concluded, "It now seems as though my college days passed in the snap of a finger. I'm now out in the business world, doing something I enjoy. My education really paid off!"

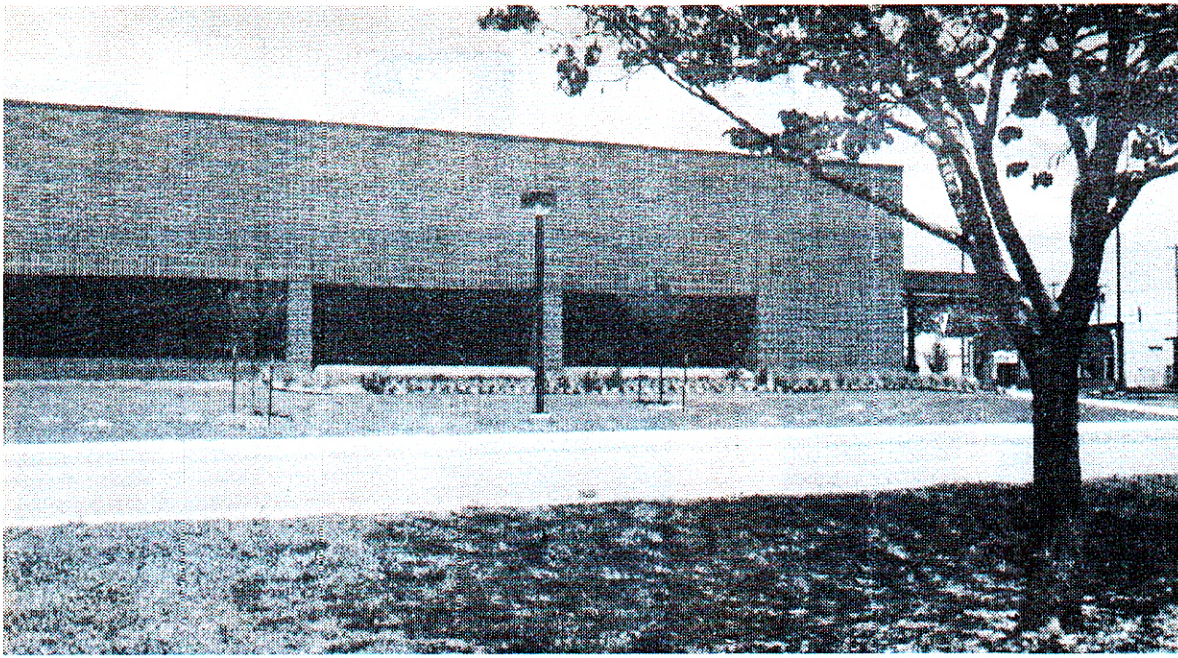
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The New Clinic, Viewed From The Nearby Park



Carmelita Skeeter At Her Desk

Tribal member realizes goal: new Tulsa clinic facility

(Tulsa, OK) – It's been a long time happening and, at times it seemed as though it might not become a reality. But, the Tulsa Indian Health Care Resource Center has occupied a new facility. That has Carmelita (Wamego) Skeeter bursting with pride.

Ms. Skeeter is the Center's Executive Director and a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member. She has worked long, hard hours making the pieces of the puzzle fit. Her motivation is to make health care for her Native American clients more easily accessible in a much more pleasant and efficient atmosphere.

The new facility is located at 550 South Peoria, just south of Tulsa's downtown business district. "We have been in the present facility for 20 years," Skeeter told the *HowNiKan*. "It has just 12,000 square feet of space, while our new building has 27,000."

The site itself is an excellent one. "It's in a beautiful site, right in the middle of where our Indian people are living," Skeeter says.

The additional space will allow the Center to add more health care providers and allow for more privacy for patients. "Our services are going to expand," Skeeter said. "We are going from two dental operatories to six. We will go from one lane for optometry to four."

The additional space will allow expanding the Center's mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services. "We will hire at least one more counselor, maybe two," Ms. Skeeter told the *HowNiKan*.

The Health Care Resource Center has two physicians and one physician's assistant. One physician's assistant will be added to the staff.

The new Center facility is a red brick

building with dark green trim. It has parking spots designed for and reserved for people with handicaps. All the service areas are handicapped accessible, as are all the restrooms. The new facility is a one-story building. The Center's old facility had two stories, which created inconveniences for handicapped patients. The new facility is a one-story building.

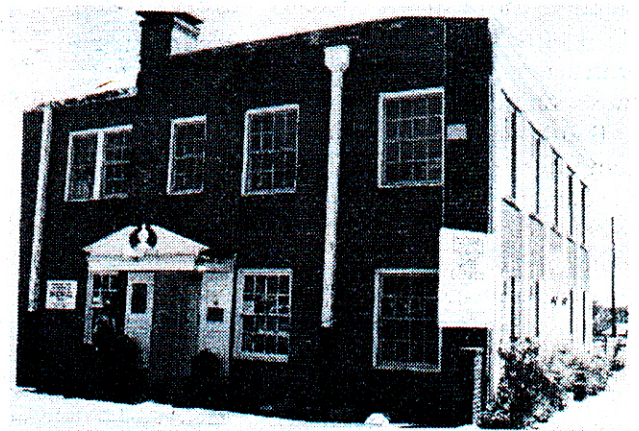
"As you walk in from the front entrance, you find a huge waiting room, with a play area for children," Skeeter said, in offering a verbal tour. "From there, you go back the medical area, which has its own waiting room. Down the hall, the optometry area has its own waiting room. Nearby, the dental area also has its own waiting room."

Skeeter describes these areas as "much more cozy, much more friendly, much more decorative" than the facility that the Center has left behind.

For Skeeter, the new location has one more major plus. "It's right across the street from a park," she explained. "This is the location that I've wanted for so long. We are already hosting several activities for patients in that park each year. There is not a prettier spot in town for our clinic."

Skeeter and her board of directors began the process of obtaining funding and finding a site in 1995. Before that there were many years of planning and generating support in the community.

The center currently has approximately 9,000 active patients. In a year, 7,000 to 8,000 different people receive health care through the Center. In 1998, the Center recorded 39,000 patient visits, what the center refers to as encounters. That is an average of 150 encounters each workday.



The Old Facility Served The Clinic's Needs For 20 Years

Bozho Nicon,

I'm Citizen Potawatomi proud and want to serve my people!

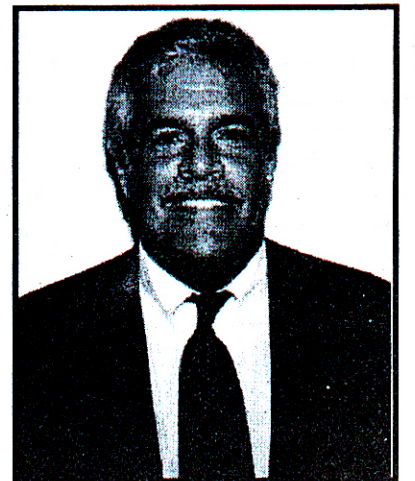
Having traveled across Oklahoma has made me very proud of what our Nation has accomplished in delivery of services to members, government stability, and business ownership.

I am offering myself in service to every member of this tribe. My promise is to be responsive to all tribal members and to support the Nation's positive initiatives.

I ask for your vote for Barry Branscum for Grievance Committee Position #3 on Saturday, June 26, 1999.

**Megwetch
Barry Branscum**

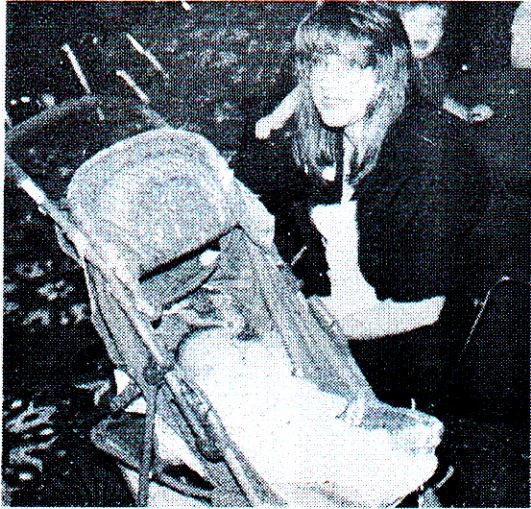
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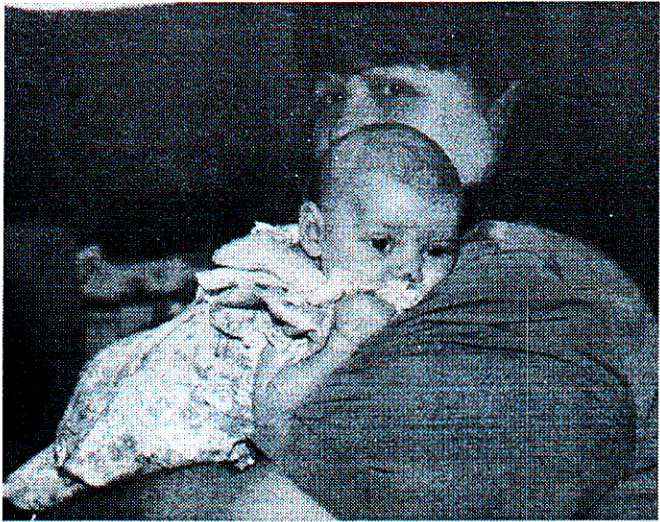
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The youngest Potawatomi present was Alexi Celine Herrick of Topeka, born on April 1, 1999.



Mom Eileen Lillian (Schwartz) Goodson tends to little Alexi Celine Herrick's needs during the meeting.

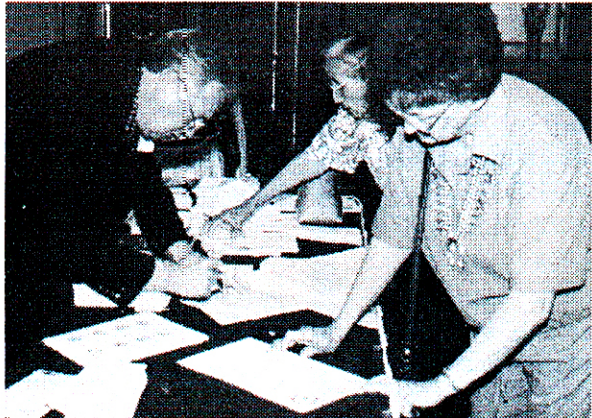


This young Potawatomi was a bit too old to earn "Youngest Potawatomi" honors

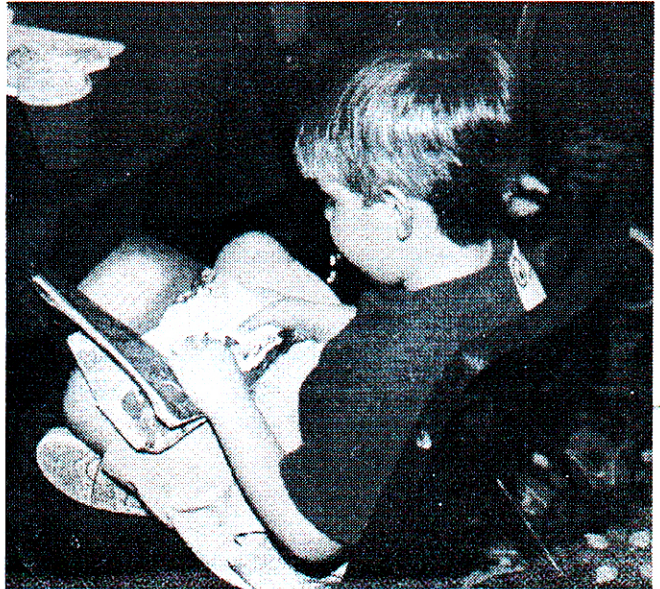


Emily Smith from New York State came the farthest to attend the council meeting.

Right: Maxine Tipton of Arkansas City, KS, a Nadeau family member, was the Wisest Potawatomi present.



Left: Twin sisters Ethel M. Lewis and Esther Elizabeth Williams of Topeka enjoyed the meeting. Above: Bob Trousdale manned the registration booth. Right: Even pre-teens enjoy the Regional Council meetings.



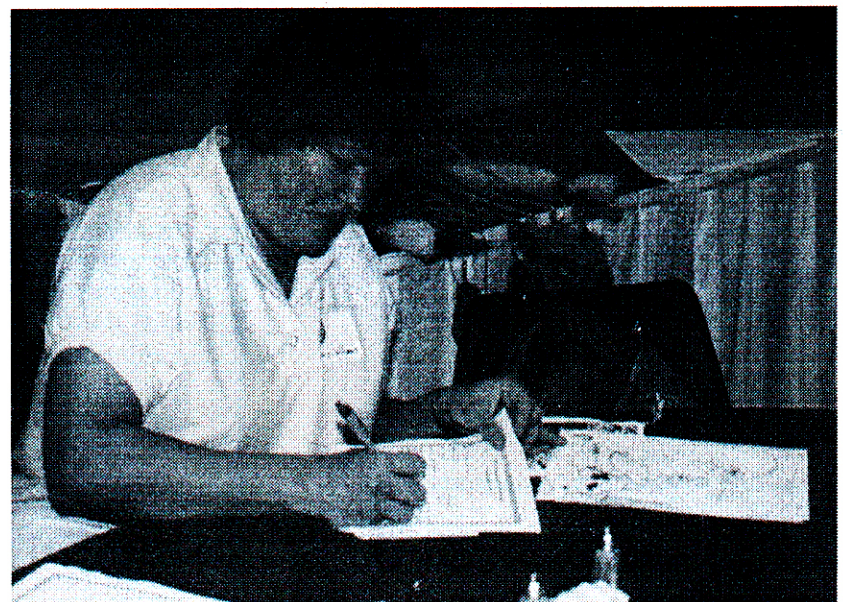
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Left: Kimberlea Rauzi with her third place entry in the Regional Art Competition. Above: Committeemen J.P. Motley and Hilton Melot present a prize to Wayne T. Welch whose Eagle Staff earned first place. Right: Committeemen J.P. Motley poses with Thomas Cooper, who placed second.

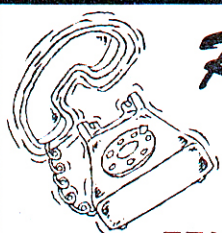


Wonder what this young Potawatomi has been up to? That smile is a dead giveaway.



The very talented Potawatomi artists had a small bit of paperwork to finish before entering the Art Contest. Below: Potawatomi Gift Shop Manager Esther Lowden helps Emily Smith select items to take back to New York.





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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California

Bosho, niconi,

The summer pow wow season is in full swing. Now if we just had some summer weather! I'm sure by the time you read this, we will be enjoying the sunshine for more than a day or two at a time.

We attended the Santa Cruz Pow Wow last month and supported a friend of ours, Marc Martin, coming out as a grass dancer. It was a big step for him, and dancing behind him in the circle was an honor.

When one "comes out", a short biography and personal comments are made, then an honor dance, a "special" (everyone comes out in support), and a giveaway. It's quite an event with everyone participating.

If you'd like to know more about pow wows, feel free to call me. There are also informational sites on the web with regard to pow wow etiquette, the dances, the songs, etc.

There have been requests for

financial aid and scholarship information, clinic locations, health aid forms, language materials, and even suggestions regarding good pow wow music. Let me know if there is anything you need.

Next month, I'll have a report on the Potawatomi Festival and any other activities I hear about. Until then, travel safely and be well.

Bama mine'

— Jennifer J. Porter

Southwest

Bourzho,

All good things must come to an end; every hello has a farewell. Everyone's life is a journey and sometimes the roads we travel are more mysterious and magical than we ever imagined!

Six years ago when I was asked to wear the mantle of your representative in the southwest, I had no inkling of the roads I would travel, or all the special people I would meet along the way. I have developed some very special and warm relationships. I have been privileged to speak to my Potawatomi family near and far — a pleasure I doubt I would have had otherwise. I have found members of my family I didn't know I have.

I have dug deep into our culture and came up with customs and introductions to religious and cultural learning I knew nothing about. The more I read and learned, the more I wanted to know. I have met the famous and near famous and this has all happened because fate stepped in and I became your representative.

It was been an honor and a pleasure to serve you and I will still be here for those of you who wish to keep in touch, call me directly at my local telephone number.

Starting July 1st, there will be a new lady taking over as your representative. Her name is Jean Lampert. She has been one of my supporters from the beginning. She is well qualified, lovely, and charming. She will continue the classes already

established and she will work just as hard as I have for all of you. Please get behind her and support her as you have so graciously supported me. Believe me, you won't be sorry!

In closing, "The only gift I can leave to you is example. The only road to show you is

awareness. The only blessing I can give you is responsibility. The only thing I ask in return is understanding. The only memory to take with you from me is love."

Until we meet again.

Pa ma mi na,

— Philonise Williams

Summer Youth Program features three components

For 1999, there are changes in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program's Summer Youth component. This year, the Summer Youth Program will meet Native American young people's needs in three ways.

"Our older participants are enrolled at St. Gregory's University, for summer courses," explained Carol Clay-Levi, Employment and Training Director. "Younger participants are benefiting from our summer enrichment camp scholarships. In the third component, limited work experience placements were made for participants from outlying parts of our service area."

The St. Gregory's University partnership allows summer youth to earn up to six college credit hours during the summer of 1999. "This component is designed for young people who will be high school seniors in the 1999-2000 school year, or older," Clay-Levi said.

Participants are at least 16 years old and no older than 21. They had to meet St. Gregory's University entrance requirements. The Citizen Potawatomi Employment and Training Program provided tuition scholarships to cover St. Gregory's costs.

This component also features a work experience element, which has the participants on a work site for 20 hours each week.

Summer youth participants who are 14 to 16 years old can earn summer enrichment camp scholarships. "The parent and child chose a summer camp that meets program guidelines for developing life skills, discouraging substance abuse, promoting teamwork, and being educational," Clay-Levi said. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training program provided summer camp scholarships, to a limited dollar amount.

The limited work experience placements were available to Native American young people 14 through 21 years old, who live within the program's jurisdiction but away from the Shawnee area. The program's service area includes Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Payne, and Cleveland counties and eastern Oklahoma County.

The summer youth program targets low-income Native American youth. Income guidelines do apply and participants must provide proof of tribal enrollment.



Citizen Potawatomi Festival

Fun & Games



Softball Tournament

Friday @ 10:00 a.m.

Softball field just south of
FireLake Entertainment Center

Teams must consist of:

- * One person over 45 years old
- * Three Potawatomi tribal members
- * Three women
- * Three others - male, female,
young or old

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$1000 per team
- 2nd place - \$750 per team
- 3rd place - \$500 per team
- 4th place - \$300 per team
- 5th place - \$100 per team

Scotch Doubles Bowling

Friday @ 4:00 and Sunday @ 4:00

FireLake Bowling Center

Two-person teams

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$200
- 2nd place - \$150
- 3rd place - \$100

Prizes to be awarded for Scotch Doubles
at the end of the day on Sunday

Fry Bread Competition

Unlimited Contestants

Friday @ 5:00 p.m.

Pow Wow grounds

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$150
- 2nd place - \$100
- 3rd place - \$75

Horseshoes Tournament

For Men & Women

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

Pecan Groves - FireLake Golf Course

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$150
- 2nd place - \$100
- 3rd place - \$75

Poolside Karaoke Contest

For children 14
and under

Friday
@ 7:00 p.m.

Pool at tribal headquarters

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$20
- 2nd place - \$10
- 3rd place - \$5
- 4th place - \$5
- 5th place - \$5

Poolside Dance Contest

For children 14 and under

Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

Pool at tribal headquarters

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$20
- 2nd place - \$10
- 3rd place - \$5
- 4th place - \$5
- 5th place - \$5

Traditional Hand Games

Friday @ 8:30 p.m.

Round House - Pow Wow Grounds

The winning team will win \$100 per game

Domino Tournament

Friday @ 8:30 p.m.

South Tent - Pow Wow Grounds

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$150
- 2nd place - \$100
- 3rd place - \$75

Checkers Tournament

Friday @ 8:30 p.m.

South Tent - Pow Wow Grounds

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$150
- 2nd place - \$100
- 3rd place - \$75

Night Golf

Friday @ 11:00 p.m.

FireLake Golf Course

Four-man teams/Shotgun start

Golf Tournament

Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.

FireLake Golf Course

Shotgun start - Best Ball scramble

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$200 per team + merchandise
- 2nd place - \$100 per team +
merchandise

3rd place - \$40 per team + merchandise
Space is limited so sign-up early

3 on 3 Basketball tournament

Men's-Only Teams and Mixed Teams

Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.

Pow Wow Grounds

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$300/team
- 2nd place - \$200/team
- 3rd place - \$100/team

Indian Car Contest

Saturday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Long Room Parking lot

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$300
- 2nd place - \$200
- 3rd place - \$100

Men's & Women's Contest Dancing

Men's Straight & Women's Cloth
Potawatomi Only

Saturday @ 8:00 p.m.

Pow Wow Grounds

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$500
- 2nd place - \$200
- 3rd place - \$200
- 4th place - \$200
- 5th place - \$200

Volleyball Tournament

Sunday @ 4:00 p.m.

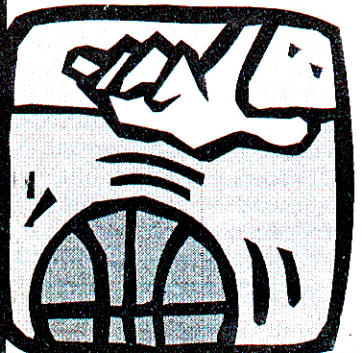
Blues vs. Reds

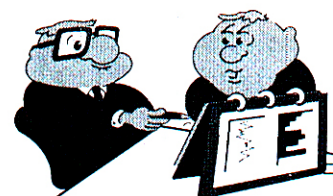
Each team must have at least two
female players

Prizes to be awarded as follows:

- 1st place - \$800 per team
- 2nd place - \$600 per team
- 3rd place - \$400 per team
- 4th place - \$200 per team

*The Festival
is a drug and
alcohol free
event. It is
open to Citizen
Potawatomi &
Family only.*





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Editor's Note: These Annual Reports were either inadvertently omitted or not received in time to include in last month's edition with other departments.



Early Childhood Head Start

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was awarded a grant to develop and implement an Early Head Start program to serve Potawatomi tribal members. This grant was made possible through the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

Eligibility is based primarily on income. The population to be served is comprised of infants, toddlers, and pregnant women.

The purpose of the Early Head Start (EHS) program is to provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families with children under age three. Goals set by the Head Start Bureau are:

- To provide safe and developmentally enriching caregiving environments which promote the physical, cognitive, and social emotional growth of infants and toddlers and prepare them for future growth and development;
- To support parents, both mothers and fathers, in their role as primary caregivers and families in meeting personal goals and achieving self-sufficiency across a wide variety of domains;
- To mobilize communities to provide the resources and environment necessary to ensure a comprehensive, integrated array of services and support for families, and to foster the systems change necessary to summon forth the guiding vision of this initiative; and
- To ensure the provision of high quality responsive services to families with infants and toddlers through the development of highly trained, caring, and adequately compensated program staff.

For the Head Start Program's first year, CPN was awarded a start-up budget of \$100,000 to prepare for forty clients. Ethel Mariano, Director for the EHS program, was hired January 18, 1999 to begin this challenge. Two weeks were spent in Washington D.C. to learn and process new performance standards.

Policies and procedures are currently being developed, as are partnerships within the Shawnee community. In order to provide quality services, it is important that the performance standards are operational to benefit members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, keeping in mind culture and language.

On-site visits were made to the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Mayetta, Kansas and the Cherokee Nation's Indian Children's Village. Both visits brought insight into what an Early Head Start program should be.

The indoor murals depicting Native Americans and a large buffalo robe in the toddler classroom of the Kansas Potawatomi were meaningful. Project officers recommended both programs.

In order to keep in line with CPN's policies and procedures and to avoid "reinventing the wheel," an Early Head Start Management Team was established. All the programs that will be a part of EHS were invited to share information and solve problems.

In the future, management team members will be asked to serve on an advisory committee relative to the services their programs provide.

Community partnership building and recruitment of staff and clients continue to be a priority. Integrating the interpretation of performance standards and then implementing them has become a learning experience. Educating the public about CPN's Early Head Start program will soon begin within the community as brochures, posters, and flyers are developed.

The program is located within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Headquarters adjacent to Child Care Services. Through a partnership with Child Care, wrap-around services are planned.

Renovations of the facility will also begin fairly soon since the program will open its doors September 1, 1999.



Health Services

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Complex has had a busy and wonderful year. Due to increased needs of the people and delayed appointments, it was necessary to increase space and services. The expansion, tripling the clinic's size, will be completed this fall and a new health care provider will be here August 1, 1999.

14,323 visits were made to the clinic. More than half of the patient visits made were by Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members.

The following are accomplishments of areas of services of the Clinic:

Health Aid Foundation, October 1998 to May 1999

All tribal members who were born by June 30, 1961 or are at least 1/8 blood-degree Citizen Potawatomi are eligible for assistance from the Health Aid Foundation. The Health Aid Foundation pays 75% or up to \$750 a year, running from October to September. The devices that are covered by the Health Aid Foundation include Glasses (frames and lenses); Contacts; Hearing Aids; Dentures; Partial Crowns & Bridgework; and, Prosthetic Devices. Exams are not paid for through the Health Aid Foundation. Routine dental work is not covered under the Health Aid Foundation either.

Within the past year (October 1998 to May 1999), the Health Aid Foundation has spent \$80,301.13 on devices that are covered through this program.

Public Health Department

The public health department has focused on increasing community involvement. The department has worked with the daycare center, as well as having monthly health screenings for our elders. This department is also coordinating with our clinic providers to provide clients who use our clinic with home visits for assessments and follow-up, as necessary.

Public health is also involved in the on-going development of a comprehensive diabetic education program to ensure that our community is aware of the signs and symptoms of diabetes and is knowledgeable in the health risks associated with long-term high blood sugar.

We are constantly striving to ensure that our clients receive and benefit from the latest advancements in diabetic care and research.

The Community Health Representative (CHRs) remain an integral part of the public health program. You will see them in the community doing home visits and assisting with health screenings. Their primary role is as strong patient advocates. They are involved in assessing client needs and ensuring that clients are aware of and receive all of the services available to them. They also serve in various capacities in the clinic.

Contract Health Services

In Fiscal Year 1998, \$625,953.67 was spent for the purchase of acute and diagnostic medical care for Native Americans residing in the former Shawnee Indian Health Service Area. Of that amount, \$316,448.00 was used to assist 2,148 Citizen Potawatomi tribal members with acute medical care.

Nutrition Services

The major focus of the Nutrition Services of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Complex is nutrition education. This is an ongoing, evolving program and continues to provide services to any or all patients who are referred by providers. (In many cases, patients are now requesting a consult with the clinic's Registered Dietitian.)

Nutrition education about Diabetes is most common in this population. The dietitian continues to modify and individualize one-on-one education sessions with patients.

Many are now returning for follow-up visits and are becoming much more compliant as their knowledge level increases.

An official Diabetes Program is still being developed and the dietitian is involved with program development.

A Diabetes Program Newsletter, developed by the dietitian, was mailed to all Diabetic patients in early January. The Newsletter contained general information about providers as well as existing and future programs that the clinic provides and hopes to add.

In the past few months, the dietitian has assisted Title VI/Elders Director in completing a continuing education course on Nutrition and the Elderly. This interaction has strengthened relationships and continues to increase visibility of the many services that are provided by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Complex.

Pharmacy

The Pharmacy is an integral part of our Tribal Health Complex and is growing at a rapid pace. We are looking forward to our new facility as our quantity of prescriptions has quadrupled in the past year.

The services rendered have expanded, both to Tribal members in our immediate area and to Tribal members across the United States.

The services that are provided to Tribal members in outlying areas can stand proudly as an example for others, as they are exclusive in the area of medical services provided by Pharmacy divisions of Tribal Complexes in general.

Also, the formulary provided to customers of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Complex stands alone in quality and availability of newer medications.

Registration Information Report

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Complex is currently adding approximately seven to eight new patients a day. In the period of January 1, 1999 to June 1, 1999, we have added 849 new patients. This is for all disciplines at the Complex.

From May 1, 1998 to May 1, 1999, a total of 2,582 new patients were registered. The Medical Records Department houses 3,733 records, as of today. For future expansion, we plan to add twelve more shelving units. The department currently has four shelving units.

The Health Complex will add two more clinic providers along with vision and dental providers. The plan is to have room for a five-year growth projection for medical records storage. The filing units will be on a high-density mobile system. This will allow the department to use space as efficiently as possible.

Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Program currently employs six full-time staff, including: a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Counseling Psychologist, a Behavioral Health Specialist, a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor, and two school Prevention Education staff. In addition, an alternative education teacher is contracted to provide school based services.

Program services are preventive, curative, and rehabilitative and are provided holistic and multidisciplinary in scope. The integrated services comprise a range of mental health, social work, substance abuse, and prevention services.

The Behavioral Health Program offers psychological and psychiatric services consistent with federal, state, and local laws.

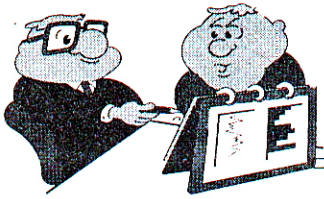
The following prevention services are available:

- The Duncan Program
- The First Offender Program
- The BABES Program
- The Smokeless Grant
- The Alternative Education Program

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Behavioral Health Program has three full time employees and an Alternative Education Specialist on contract providing preventive services for at-risk kids. The Duncan and Babes collaborative smokeless grant was funded this year using the skills and experience of several program staff.

Jana Ross, prevention coordinator, presents the Duncan Program in area schools. Jana's presentations, telephone

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contacts, and written communications average 350 per month. The curriculum content of Duncan focuses on decision-making skills, communication skills via interviews, self-image focusing on goal-setting and healthy choices, coping skills, substance abuse, and peer pressure.

Staff observations of the BASES and Duncan indicated the programs were well received and the material, although satisfactory, is in need of revision. Jana is in the process of making recommendations for revision to install a more comprehensive package to be introduced next year. Jana is proposing we consider Lions Quest curriculum.

The First Offender Program meets on Monday evening facilitated by two additional staff to provide family and group education. The group has expanded to a 10-week program to add components of anger management, communication skills, and shame-based cognitive restructuring.

A refresher training course for the staff was held May 25 - 27 in Oklahoma City, presented by Juvenile Justice and Indian Health Service. Staff completed an addendum course on group dynamics, adolescent issues, parenting as a profession, conflict resolution, and communication on June 8.

The BABES Program presentations target pre-kindergarten, head start, pre-school, and second and third grade children. The program promotes healthy living skills, positive behaviors, proper nutrition, and the idea that getting help is okay. Kayla Kelly presents the program at four school locations. These sites are South Rock Creek Kindergarten (2nd-3rd grades); North Rock Creek CTSA; Wilson Early Childhood Center; and, Dale Schools. Kayla has presented to 557 minors and 144

adults since October 1998 with 136 presentations.

The Smokeless Grant was written as a youth project with a funding request of \$2,876. This funded project will begin in the fall of 1999 at the Dale Schools. The Behavioral Health program staff will implement strategies with goals to increase public awareness of the tobacco use problem; increase community involvement in tobacco prevention efforts; reduce youth access to tobacco products; and, reduce exposure of non-smokers to second-hand smoke.

Jana and Debbie Chesser staffed a tour of the Cimarron Correctional facility in Cushing for Debbie's Alternative Education class. Jana is busy with the Soaring Eagles mentoring program, where she has been assisting in the updating of the mentoring files.

The Citizens League of Central Oklahoma has asked Jana to serve on their Shades of Grey task force to help develop a mentoring program through grandparenting.

The Alternative Education Program serves sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Debbie Chesser has developed a program with a non-traditional teaming environment for Pleasant Grove Elementary. Last year the Substance Abuse prevention staff implemented the Voyager summer premed program for Citizen Potawatomi Nation children. Team-building and leadership skills were taught.

Children and Adolescent Services

Dr. Maria Trapp provides services for children, including assessment and evaluation, therapeutic interventions, psycho-educational instruction, interdepartmental consultation, crisis management, and diagnostic determinations. She also administers and assists with treatment planning, ongoing case conceptualization, and discharge planning.

Dr. Trapp is carrying an approximate caseload of 137 patients. Dr. Trapp focuses much of her attention on children, adolescents, couples, and families.

Substance Abuse

Jack Meeks, CADC, is seeing scheduled clients at the clinic. Jack has targeted substance abuse as a primary diagnosis and is developing an active caseload at the clinic, to include assessment, treatment, referral, and aftercare group services.

Adult Services

Three licensed staff and a certified alcohol and drug counselor provide outpatient adult services. Dr. Jahangir Ghaznavi has seen approximately 91 patients, totaling 239 visits since January. Clients seen include but are not limited to people with depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders, adjustment disorders, and schizophrenia. Medication clinics, case management, and referral services are offered.

Flanders Byford, LCSW and program director, provides a wide range of outpatient treatment services, having seen 105 patients for 248 visits since January. Mr. Byford provides program consultation and program supervision.

The clinic averages 150 patient visits a month and bills for third-party reimbursements, including Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance. Mr. Byford also serves as a vice-president of the Oklahoma Native American Behavioral Health Circle. The Circle is currently involved with several projects benefiting children and seriously mentally ill patients.

The program is actively involved in training. Placements from Oklahoma University Schools of Social Work and Psychology are planned for the fall. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been selected as a site for the OU School of Social Work Aging Awareness Grant. The clinic will assist in the placement of a student for the coming year.

Potawatomi Tribal Members,

Your Business Committee is committed to creating a better future for all Potawatomis through economic development and opportunities for tribal members to earn a higher education. We believe in planting our seed corn and nurturing its growth.

That's the reason for an increase, in the past two years, of 238% in the tribe's financial support for its members who are in college or attending vocational-technical schools. As a Business Committee member and Scholarship Committee Chairman, I will continue to work for ways to improve our scholarships.

I will use my experience as an educator to determine the best ways to refine the scholarship program. I will be guided by my business experience as the tribe looks at new business ventures.

I've enjoyed serving the Potawatomi people. I ask for your vote so I can continue this work.

Thank you, and I hope to see you at the Citizen Potawatomi Festival.

Sincerely,
Hilton L. Melot



Culture, history in spotlight for first Potawatomi Festival

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tee position from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. that same day.

Apart from the General Council Meeting, the Festival centerpiece will be an All-Potawatomi Indian Pow Wow Dance at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Cash prizes will go to the Potawatomi tribal member winners in two dance categories: Men's Straight Dance and Women's Cloth. Eight places will be awarded prizes because each category is for dancers of all ages.

The winner of the 1998-99 Potawatomi Nation Art Contest will be honored on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-six artists earned their way into that competition by

placing first, second, or third at one of the eight Regional Council Meetings, the Oklahoma Region Contest, or the competition for members who do not live in a region.

The Festival will carry a definite spiritual/cultural flavor. There will be opportunities to improve one's Potawatomi Language skills, learn more of the tribe's culture and history, and to worship. A bus trip to the Sacred Heart Mission and spiritual observances are scheduled at sunrise and mid-morning on Sunday, June 27.

The Sacred Heart tour will take participants back to the tribe's Oklahoma roots. Several tour leaders will tell the story of that time in Potawatomi history. The new walking history trail at Sacred Heart will be an important part of the tour. A sack lunch will be provided for tour participants.

Tribal members who would like to learn more about their own families' history will have an opportunity, too. The Nation will have computers set up to allow those people to obtain genealogical information. There will be formal Potawatomi Language and Culture classes available throughout the weekend.

Reunions of the families who journeyed from Kansas in the 1860's and established the tribe in Oklahoma will be a part of the Festival each year. The inaugural Festival will feature reunions for these families: Navarre, Vieux, Melot, Peltier, Bourassa, Burnett, Wamego, and Willmet.

Several types of athletic competition are on the menu. Softball, Horseshoes, three-on-three basketball, day and night golf, and bowling tournaments will be held. There will also be a volleyball competition. Details of these competitions are as follows:

Softball – The rules call for 10-person teams, with each team required to have at least three women, three Potawatomis, and an additional player 45-or-older among its players. Per-team prizes of \$1000 — \$750 — \$500 — \$300 — and, \$100 will be awarded for First-through-Fifth-place finishes.

Three-on-Three Basketball – There will be competition for All-Male and for Mixed-Gender teams. The prizes will be \$300 — \$200 — and, \$100.

Golf: The daytime Golf Tournament will be an 18-team scramble-type event. There will be four golfers on each team. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Nation's beautiful FireLake Golf Course. Prizes will be \$200 — \$100 — and, \$40 per team. The nighttime golf tournament, which should be tremendously entertaining to either watch or participate in, will begin at 11:00 p.m. on Friday. There will be no prizes for the winners. However, there will be recognition of their outstanding golfing ability and superlative night vision.

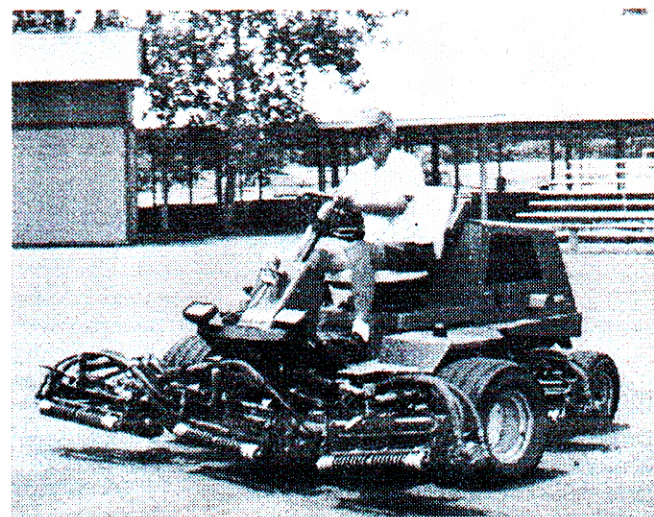
Horseshoes: Tribal officials expect a tremendous amount of interest in this competition. Therefore, they have made preparations to augment the four permanent horseshoe pits located in the Pecan Grove adjacent to FireLake Golf Course. Stakes for temporary horseshoes pits have been obtained. Prizes will be \$150 — \$1050 — and, \$75.

Bowling: Bowlers will be able to roll tournament competition rounds at the Nation's FireLake Bowling Center on Friday afternoon and evening, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and again on Sunday afternoon & evening, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Prizes will be \$200 — \$150 — and, \$100.

Volleyball: Along with the last opportunity to roll tournament-bowling games, the Volleyball Tournament will be the final event of the Festival. It is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday. Teams will be comprised of eight players. And, they will be composed on a Blues vs. Reds birth-order basis. In other words, the Blue teams will be those born first, third, fifth, etc. in their families. The Red teams will have players born second, fourth, sixth, etc. There must be two females per team. Prizes will be awarded for First through Fourth places. They are \$800 — \$600 — \$400 — and, \$200 per team.

Dominoes and Checkers: Although not quite qualifying as athletic events, there will be competition for dominoes and checkers players. Prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$75 will go to the top three players in each tournament.

Best Indian Car Contest: The most important rule for



Mowers Have Been Busy In Recent Weeks

Festival On The Web

Tribal members who are unable to attend the inaugural Citizen Potawatomi Festival will be able to sample the flavor of the event if they have Internet access. Stephen Nolen, CPN Networking Department Director, will be photographing Festival events with a digital camera and posting them on the Potawatomi Nation website daily. In addition, Nolen will use a small camera, a notebook computer, and a mobile phone to place a live video feed of Festival sights on the website. According to Nolen, that will produce a still picture that will change once-a-minute. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation webpage is at www.Potawatomi.org.

this competition is that the cars that are entered must be able to arrive at the display location and leave it under their own power. They can be cars, pickups, vans, buses, "anything that rolls." They must have an up-to-date Oklahoma license plate. Entrants are not allowed to tie or lash anything to the car. And, there can be no more than one (1) farm animal in the vehicle. Vehicles in the competition will be on display and available to be judged by selected Potawatomi Elders from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. Prizes will be \$300, \$200 and \$100. Entrants in the Best Indian Car Contest must be Potawatomi tribal members.

There has been a change in the location of the Friday evening Country-and-Western dance since the May edition of the *HowNiKan* went to press. Instead of the parking lot adjacent to the Long Room in the Tribal Court/WIC Program building, the dance will be held in one of two large tents that will be set up in the area near the pow wow grounds and Round House.

During the weekend, the Nation will provide six meals at no charge to tribal members, their families, other Potawatomis, and tribal employees. There will be one served on Friday, three on Saturday, and two on Sunday. "Most of these meals will be available on a continual-serve basis," Chairman Barrett said. "People will be able to stop at a food service location to pick up a sandwich, chips, and a drink or a sausage biscuit when hunger hits."

As people attending the Festival arrive, they will be registered at a site on the pow wow grounds. They will receive a wristband and a name tag that will allow them to participate in competitions and partake of the food. If there is a need, additional registration sites will be opened.

If Shawnee gets normal late June weather for the Festival, temperatures should be into the 90's with lots of sunshine. The Nation is making preparations to ensure that all Festival participants remain as cool, hydrated, and comfortable as possible.

Water-misting systems will be in place at several locations, including inside the Round House and the two large tents that will be set up nearby. Ice chests with ice and bottled water will be plentiful and in locations spread across those places where activities are in progress.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1999

- 7:00 a.m. Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) – Long Room
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament - FireLake Golf Course
- Vendors Arts & Crafts
- 9:00 a.m. Health Screening at Health Complex until 2:00 p.m.
- 9:00 a.m. Language and Culture Study - north tent - pow wow grounds
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - pow wow grounds
- Open Bowling - FireLake Lanes
- Swimming and Playground Opens - tribal headquarters
- Housing Registration at the pow wow grounds, south tent
- Youth Arts & Crafts begin - round house
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - pow wow grounds
- 1:00 p.m. Finger Printing - IDENT A KID - tribal headquarters
- Youth Games - pow wow grounds
- Pow wow dance lessons - pow wow grounds
- Petting Zoo - pow wow grounds
- Pony Rides - pow wow grounds
- Eddie Eagle Gun Safety - tribal headquarters
- 3:00 p.m. General Council - Long Room
- 5:00 p.m. Gourd Dancing - Round House
- Language and Culture Study - Old Mission Church
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner - pow wow grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Best Indian Car Contest – Long Room parking lot
- 8:00 p.m. Grand Entry - Dance - pow wow grounds
- 11:00 p.m. Extreme Bowl - FireLake Lanes

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1999

- 6:30 a.m. Traditional Sunrise Service - Talking Feather Circle - pow wow grounds arena
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - pow wow grounds
- 10:00 a.m. Church Services - south tent - pow wow grounds
- 11:00 a.m. Open Bowling - FireLake Lanes
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - pow wow grounds
- Sacred Heart Bus Tour - sack lunch provided
- 4:00 p.m. Volleyball - Blues vs. Reds
- Scotch Doubles Bowling - FireLake Lanes